



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

www.washoecounty.us

CM/ACM	
Finance	<u>N/A</u>
DA	
Risk Mgt	<u>N/A</u>
HR	<u>N/A</u>
Other	<u>-</u>

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 12, 2017

DATE: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jamie Rodriguez, Management Analyst-Government Affairs
775-328-2010, JARodriguez@washoecounty.us

THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve, on staff recommendation that the board nominate; John Slaughter and Jeremy Bosler to the Nevada Right to Counsel Commission as the Washoe County Commission's nominees to submit to the Governor to fill a term to end on June 30, 2019. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The 79th Nevada Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 377 (SB 377) which became effective on July 1, 2017. SB 377 authorizes the creation of the Nevada Right to Counsel Commission through the Office of the Governor. The committee consists of 13 voting members and 1 ex officio member, with one member appointed by the Governor based on the 2 nominees submitted by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Staff is recommending John Slaughter and Jeremy Bosler be submitted as nominees to the Governor for appointment to the commission.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous actions have been taken by the board on this.

BACKGROUND

The 79th Nevada Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 377 (SB 377) which became effective on July 1, 2017. SB 377 creates the Nevada Right to Counsel Commission to:

- (1) conduct a 2017-2019 interim study concerning issues relating to indigent defense services,
- (2) the Commission will make recommendations to the Legislature to improve indigent defense services, and
- (3) to ensure that services being offered compile with the

AGENDA ITEM # _____

standards of the effective assistance of counsel established by the United States Supreme Court and the appellate courts of Nevada.

The recommended appointment to the Commission must have:

- (a) Significant experience in providing legal representation to indigent persons who are charged with public offenses or to indigent children who are alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision;
- (b) A demonstrated commitment to providing effective legal representation to such persons; or
- (c) Expertise or experience, as determined by the appointing authority, which qualifies the person to contribute to the purpose of the Commission or to carrying out any of its functions.

The appointment to the Commission is not to be (a) A current judge, justice or judicial officer, a prosecuting attorney/employee a law enforcement officer/employee of a law enforcement agency, or an attorney who may obtain any financial benefit from the policies adopted by the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with Washoe County's making nominations to or participating on the Nevada Right to Counsel Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve, staff recommendation, John Slaughter and Jeremy Bosler as the Washoe County Commission's nominations to the Governor for appointment to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to fill a term ending June 30, 2019.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree to the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

"Move to nominate John Slaughter and Jeremy Bosler as the Washoe County Commission's nominations to the Governor for the appointment to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to fill a term ending June 30, 2019."